

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7-9, 11-15, 17, 18, and 22-28 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1, 7, and 15 are independent.

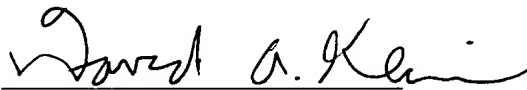
Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out the minor error in claim 18. The phrase containing the error had been properly amended in the Amendment dated January 24, 2005, with the error first being introduced in the claims presented in the Amendment dated August 29, 2005. Claim 18 is amended herein to eliminate the error. No other changes are introduced.

This amendment is made after the filing of a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the filing of an Appeal Brief (*see* 37 C.F.R. § 41.33(a)), to comply with a requirement of form expressly set forth in the previous action of February 16, 2006 (*see* MPEP § 1206). Entry is requested.

No fees are believed due, but Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees determined to be due with the exception of the issue fee and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4209 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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